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JULES MUM & Co's
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 Quarts.....\$20 per Case of 1 doz.
 Pints.....\$21 " " 2 " "
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 BORDEAUX CLARETS AND
 WHITE WINES.
 Baxton's Celebrated 'Barley Bro'
 WHISKY, \$7½ per Case of 1 doz.
 GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.
 Hongkong, July 18, 1884. 1187

To Let.

TO LET.
2ND FLOOR OF HOUSE, No. 64, QUEEN'S
ROAD CENTRAL.
 Possession from 1st April next.
 Apply to
LAI HING & Co.,
 No. 153, Queen's Road Central.
 Hongkong, March 25, 1889. 570

GROUND FLOOR OF HOUSE No. 63
QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.
 Possession from 1st April next.
 Apply to
LAI HING & Co.,
 No. 153, Queen's Road Central.
 Hongkong, March 25, 1889. 475

THE DWELLING HOUSE, No. 2,
DOUGLAS VILLAS.
 Possession from 1st May.
 Apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAK & Co.,
 Hongkong, March 30, 1889. 603

TO LET.
(With Immediate Possession.)
NOS. 1, 2 & 4, QUEEN'S GARDENS
 Apply to
G. O. ANDERSON,
 13, Praya Central.
 Hongkong, March 14, 1889. 147

TO LET.
OFFICES at No. 18, QUEEN'S ROAD,
 now occupied by the CHINESE TRADING
 CO., LIMITED, in Liquidation.
SAMUEL J. GOWER,
 Secretary & Liquidator.
 Hongkong, April 24, 1889. 770

TO LET.
TWO ROOMS in a House on the CAUSE
ROAD LEVIN, in a highly respectable
locality. FURNISHED or UNFURNISHED.
 Immediate Possession.
 Apply
'A. B. C.,'
 China Mail Office.
 Hongkong, March 30, 1889. 609

TO LET.
ROOMS in 'COLLEGE CHAMBERS,'
 No. 12, Seymour Terrace, from 1st July.
 Apply to
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.
 Hongkong, March 2, 1889. 832

TO LET.
PEAK—'LA HONGKONG' formerly
 occupied by Sir GEORGE PHILLIPS.
 Apply to
H. N. MODY,
 Victoria Buildings.
 Hongkong, December 12, 1888. 2096

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:
BORNEA, Italian steamer, Captain E. de Negri.—Owells & Co.
HATTE E. TALEY, British barque, Capt. J. McConachy.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.
KALAKAWA, Brazilian barque, Capt. John Duncan.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
TRIAN, American ship, Capt. C. H. Allyn.—Russell & Co.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SHANGHAI
 The Steamship
Feling,
 Captain G. HUEBERMAN,
 above Port on MONDAY, the 6th Instant,
 at Noon, instead of as previously notified.
 For Freight or Passage, apply to
SIEMSEN & Co.
 Hongkong, May 4, 1889. 847

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.
FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND
TAIWANFOO.
 The Co.'s Steamship
Thales,
 Captain HERRIN, will be
 despatched for the above
 Ports on TUESDAY, the 7th Instant, at
 10 o'clock a.m.
 For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAK & Co.,
 General Managers.
 Hongkong, May 4, 1889. 848

AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN LLOYD'S
STEAM-NAVIGATION COMPANY.
 The Co.'s Steamship
Thales,
 Captain HERRIN, will be
 despatched for the above
 Ports on TUESDAY, the 7th Instant, at
 10 o'clock a.m.
 For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAK & Co.,
 General Managers.
 Hongkong, May 4, 1889. 848

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG,
COLOMBO, BOMBAY, ADEN,
SUEZ, PORT SAID,
BRINDISI, TRIESTE & VENICE.
 Taking Cargo at through rates to CAL-
 CUTTA, MADRAS, PERSIAN GULF,
 RED SEA, BLACK SEA, LEBANTON
 AND AFRICAN PORTS.
 The Co.'s Steamship
Thales,
 Captain HERRIN, will be
 despatched for the above
 Ports on TUESDAY, the 7th Instant, at
 10 o'clock a.m.
 For further Particulars, regarding Freight
 and Passage, apply to the Agents of the
 Company, Frazer Central.
O. D. HARMAN,
 Agent.
 Hongkong, May 4, 1889. 850

To-day's Advertisements.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR SHANGHAI VIA SWATOW.
 (Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates
 for CHEFOO, TIENTSIN, NEW-
 CHIWANG, HANKOW and Ports on
 the YANGTZE.)
 The Co.'s Steamship
Taitung,
 Captain JACKSON, will be
 despatched on an above on
 TUESDAY, the 7th Instant, at Noon.
 For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
 General Managers.
 Hongkong, May 4, 1889. 849

THE RICHMOND TERRACE ESTATE
AND BUILDING COMPANY,
LIMITED.
NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary
 General Meeting of the SHARE-
 HOLDERS of the Company will be held
 at the Office, over the Hongkong Dispensary,
 on MONDAY, the 13th Instant, at Noon,
 for the purpose of receiving the Report of
 the General Manager, together with a Statement
 of Account to the 31st December, 1888.
 The REGISTER of SHARES will be
 CLOSED on TUESDAY, the 9th Instant,
 to MONDAY, the 13th Instant, both days
 inclusive, during which period no Transfer
 of Shares can be registered.

And Notice is further given that an
 EXTRAORDINARY General Meeting
 of the Company will be held at the same
 place on the same day, at a quarter past
 Noon, when the following Special Resolu-
 tion will be proposed:
 That the Share Capital of the Company
 be increased to \$100,000 by the issue
 of 600 New Shares of \$100 each, and
 that such New Shares be offered in the
 first instance, on terms to be determined
 by the General Manager, to all the
 Members on the Register on the 10th
 day after the Meeting.

JOHN WILLMOTT,
 Secretary.
 Hongkong, May 4, 1889. 852

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.
NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary
 General Meeting of the Company will be
 held at the Hongkong Dispensary, on
 MONDAY, the 13th Instant, at Noon,
 for the purpose of receiving the Report of
 the General Manager, together with a Statement
 of Account to the 31st December, 1888.
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 to MONDAY, the 13th Instant, both days
 inclusive, during which period no Transfer
 of Shares can be registered.

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 EXTRAORDINARY General Meeting
 of the Company will be held at the same
 place on the same day, at a quarter past
 Noon, when the following Special Resolu-
 tion will be proposed:
 1. That the present Shares in the Capital
 of the Company of \$100,000 each be
 subdivided into Shares of Ten Dollars
 each to admit of a wider distribution of
 the Capital of the Company.
 2. That with a view to the extension of
 the business of the Company and the
 purchase of additional premises in
 Queen's Road Central and at Kowloon,
 the Capital of the Company be increased
 to the sum of \$300,000 by the issue
 of 20,000 New Shares of the Value of
 Ten Dollars each, and that such New
 Shares be disposed of by the General
 Manager as if they were part of the
 Shares in the Original Capital of the
 Company, in such manner, on such terms
 and at such premium as he shall in the
 interest of the Company determine.
 The amount realized by way of pre-
 mium to be put to the Permanent
 Reserve Fund.

JOHN WILLMOTT,
 Acting Secretary.
 Hongkong, May 4, 1889. 853

U. S. MAIL LINE.
PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP
COMPANY.
THROUGH TO NEW YORK, via
OVERLAND RAILWAYS, and touching
at YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship CITY OF
SYDNEY will be despatched for
 San Francisco, via Yokohama, on SATUR-
 DAY, 18th May, at 4 p.m., taking Passen-
 gers and Freight for Japan, the United
 States, and Europe.
 Through Bills of Lading issued for trans-
 portation to Yokohama and other Japan
 Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and
 United States of the United States, via Over-
 land Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and
 Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central
 and South America, by the Company's and
 connecting Steamers.
 Through Passage Tickets granted to
 England, France, and Germany by all
 trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.
 First-class Fares granted as follows:—
 To San Francisco and return, 1 350.00
 available for 6 months. " " " " 325.00
 To Liverpool " " " " 330.00
 To London " " " " 330.00
 To other European ports at proportionate
 rates. Special reduced rates granted to
 Officers of the Army, Navy, Civil Service
 and the Imperial Chinese Customs, to be
 obtained on application.
 Passengers by this line have the option
 of proceeding overland by the Southern
 Pacific and connecting Lines, Central Pacific,
 Northern Pacific or Canadian Pacific
 Railways.
 Passengers, who have paid full fare,
 re-embarking at San Francisco for China or
 Japan (or vice versa) within one year will be
 allowed a discount of 10%. This allowance
 does not apply to through fares from China
 and Japan to Europe.
 Freight will be received on board until 4
 p.m. the day previous to sailing. Local
 Packages will be received at the office until
 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages
 shelling marked to address in full; value
 of same is required.
 Consular Invoices to accompany cargo
 destined to points beyond San Francisco,
 in the United States, should be sent to the
 Company's Offices in Sealed Envelopes,
 addressed to the Collector of Customs at San
 Francisco.
 For further information as to Passage
 and Freight, apply to the Agents of the
 Company, No. 60A, Queen's Road Central.
O. D. HARMAN,
 Agent.
 Hongkong, May 4, 1889. 851

To-day's Advertisements.

VOCAL AND INSTRUMENTAL
CONCERT.
 To be given in the
HALL OF THE CLUB LUSITANO,
 ON
THURSDAY EVENING,
 the 9th May, 1889, at 8 p.m.
 BY
PUPILS OF SIGNOR CATTANEO,
 in aid of the Fund for an ORGAIN for the
 ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL.
 Director.....Mastro CATTANEO

PROGRAMME:
PART I.
 1.—Stretta Finale, 'La... Lady & Gentle-
 crezia Burgin'..... Mrs. E. W.
 2.—Aria (ballade) 'Il... Mr. E. W.
 3.—Aria (soprano) 'Be-... Miss I. D'Alma-
 berto il Divello'..... da e Castro.
 4.—Duet (soprano and... Mrs. E. W.
 baritone) 'L'Addio'..... and Mr. E.
 5.—Fantasia on piano... W. Maitland.
 forte, 'And Lang-... Miss Caroline de
 syne, 'Charlie is my... Souza.
 darling' (Pops).....
 6.—Ballad (tenor) 'Love... Mr. C. Lammert.
 the Pilgrim' (Blun-... Caroline G.
 menshal)..... Lammert, G.
 7.—Grand aria (soprano)... Mrs. E. W.
 'La Traviata'..... and Mr. E.
 8.—Song (bass) 'Piffi-... W. Maitland.
 paff' (Les Huguenots)...
 9.—Sestett—Lucia di... Mrs. E. W.
 Lammermer..... and Mr. E.
INTERVAL OF 10 MINUTES.
PART II.
 1.—Comic Quartette... Mrs. E. W.
 'Toti in Macchia'..... and Mr. E.
 2.—Song—Serenade... Mrs. E. W.
 (Gounod)..... and Mr. E.
 3.—Song—El Tenedor... Mrs. E. W.
 (Carmen)..... and Mr. E.
 4.—Aria and rondo, 'La... Mrs. E. W.
 Sonnambula'..... and Mr. E.
 5.—Duet (soprano and... Mrs. E. W.
 tenor) 'Fame'..... and Mr. E.
 6.—Piano-forte duet... Mrs. E. W.
 'Sonnambula'..... and Mr. E.
 7.—Aria (mezzo-sopra-... Mrs. E. W.
 no) 'La Favorita'..... and Mr. E.
 8.—Ballad (bass) 'Oh... Mrs. E. W.
 hear the Wind'..... and Mr. E.
 9.—Duet (soprano and... Mrs. E. W.
 tenor) 'Una notte a... and Mr. E.
 Venezia'.....
 Tickets.....Not less than \$2.00.
 To be obtained from Signor Cattaneo,
 and at the Lusitano Club, the day previous
 to the Concert.
 Hongkong, May 4, 1889. 854

DAKIN BROS. OF CHINA,
LIMITED.
DISPENSING CHEMISTS.
 Compound
 Syrup
 Is a valuable Tonic.
 It increases the Appetite.
 Is an invigorator of the di-
 gestive Organs.
 It restores the nerve and
 brain power.
 Is suited to delicate persons
 and children.
 Efferves-
 cent
 Saline
 Powder.
 It cools, refreshing, and
 invigorating.
 It relieves all stomach de-
 rangements.
 It relieves headache and sick-
 ness.
 It always febrile symptoms.
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 Coca-
 Is strongly recommended in
 cases of exhaustion.
 It sustains the physical pow-
 ers of the body.
 It stimulates the nervous sys-
 tem.
 Is used in cases of anæsthe-
 sia.
 It cures indigestion.
 EVERY REQUISITE FOR NURSERY
 AND SICK ROOM.
QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL
 (opposite HONGKONG HOTEL),
 Telephone No. 60.
 Hongkong, May 3, 1889. 845

SHIPPING.
ARRIVALS.
 May 3, 1889:—
 Cockchafer, British gunboat, 463, Capt.
 E. E. Maxwell, Hoihow Bay.
 August, Norwegian steamer, 1,018, Isberg,
 Nagasaki April 28, Coal—TAKASIMA CO-
 LLEARY.
 May 4:—
 Peking, German steamer, from Whampoa.
 Ingraben, German steamer, from Wham-
 poa.
 Vorwarts, German str., 612, T. Bruhn,
 Haiphong May 1, Rice—ARNHOLD, KAR-
 SER & Co.
 Kwang Lee, Chinese steamer, from Wham-
 poa.
 Pakistan, British str., 635, Stovel, Koh-
 shang April 28, General.—Hor Hsu
 Hong.

DEPARTURES.
 May 4:—
 Leander, British corvette, for a cruise.
 Mandjur, Russian corvette, for mcy.
 Triumph, for Whampoa.
 Yangtze, for Whampoa.
 Clyde, for Europe, &c.
 Glenview, for Shanghai.
 Cheong, for Haiphong.
 Taichien, for Hoihow and Singapore.
 Zafro, for Amoy and Manila.
 Cicero, for Saigon.
CLEARED.
 Victoria, for Kobe.
 Ingraben, for Chefoo and Newchwang.
 Euphrates, for Yokohama.
 Vanehan, for Swatow.
 China, for Shanghai.
 Peking, for Shanghai.
 Sefid, for Atsimo.
 Namoa, for Coast Ports.
 Actie, for Hoihow and Pakhoi.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.
 For Victoria, from Haiphong, 6 Euro-
 peans, and 40 Chinese.
 For Pakhoi, from Koh-shang, 4 Chi-
 nese.
DEPARTED.
 For Clyde, from Hongkong, for Singa-
 pore, Mr. T. Thomson, Mrs. Edgar, son, 2
 daughters and 4 children, Dr. H. R.
 Osborne, R.N., Mr. Joseph and servant, Mr.
 Bellagane, for Bombay, Mr. E. J. Mahomed,
 for London, via Muscat, Mr. T. G. High-
 ington, Mr. and Mrs. Kyles, for London, Mr.
 P. Lomham, Miss M. A. Stringer, Mr. John
 Rodger, and Miss P. P. For Calcutta, from
 Yokohama, Mr. Rowland's native servant;
 from Haipo, Mr. Rowland's servant, for
 London, from Haipo, Mr. Roberts.
 For Glasgow, for Shanghai, 9 Chinese.
 For Yokohama, for Haiphong, 50 Chinese.
 For Amoy, for Penang, Mr. Chua Yu
 Kay and 2 servants, Mr. Chua Yu
 Kien, and Mr. J. A. Oani.
 For Nanking, for Amoy, Mr. See Swo
 Lay and servant; for Manila, Rev. Raimon
 Marti.
 For Gaspang, for Singapore, &c., Mr. T.
 Barradas, Marine officer, and native assist-
 ant.
 For Taichien, for Hoihow, 40 Chinese.
 For Zafro, for Amoy, 90 Chinese.
 For Cicero, for Saigon, 12 Chinese.
TO DEPART.
 For Ingraben, for Chefoo, 25 Chinese.
 For Nanking, for Swatow, 100 Chinese.
 For Clyde, for Saigon, 200 Chinese.
 For Peking, for Shanghai, 41 Chinese.
 For Namoa, for Coast Ports, 4 Euro-
 peans, and 20 Chinese.
 For Actie, for Hoihow, 50 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.
 The German steamer *Vorwarts* reports:
 Had fresh South-East and Easterly winds,
 and fine weather.
 The British steamer *Pakhoi* reports:
 Had light South-Easterly winds and fine
 clear weather throughout the passage.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.
MAILS will close:
 For SWATOW, AMOY & POOCHOW.
 Per *Namoa*, at 8:30 a.m., on Sunday,
 the 5th inst.
 For YOKOHAMA.
 Per *Expedition*, at 9 a.m., on Sunday, the
 5th inst.
 For SAIGON.
 Per *Expedition*, at 9 a.m., on Sunday, the
 5th inst.
 For SWATOW & SHANGHAI.
 Per *Canton*, at 9 a.m., on Sunday, the
 5th inst., instead of as previously
 notified.
 For SHANGHAI.
 Per *Pekin*, at 11:30 a.m., on Monday,
 the 6th inst., instead of as previously
 notified.
 For CHEFOO & NEWCHANG.
 Per *Expedition*, at 1:30 p.m., on Monday,
 the 6th inst., instead of as previously
 notified.
 For HOIHOW, SINGAPORE & BANG-
 KOK.
 Per *Chow Pe*, at 7:30 a.m., on Tuesday,
 the 7th inst.
 For SWATOW, AMOY & TAIWANFOO.
 Per *Pholis*, at 9:30 a.m., on Tuesday, the
 7th inst.
 For SWATOW & SHANGHAI.
 Per *Twoow*, at 11:30 a.m., on Tuesday,
 the 7th inst.
 For NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
 Per *Amoya*, at 11:30 a.m., on Tuesday,
 the 7th inst.
 For PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY IS-
 LAND, COCKTOWN, TOWNSVILLE,
 BRISBANE, SYDNEY, MEL-
 BOURNE, & ADELAIDE.
 Per *Penelope*, at 11:30 a.m., on Tuesday,
 the 7th inst.

MAILS BY THE GERMAN PACKET.
 The German Contract Packet *Ingara*
 will be despatched on WEDNESDAY,
 the 8th May, with Mails for the
 United Kingdom, Europe, and places be-
 yond, via *Mercedes*, to Saigon, Straits
 Settlements, Batavia, Bencoolen, Ceylon,
 the Australian Colonies, Pondichery,
 Madras, Calcutta, Aden, Mauritius,
 Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.
 The usual hours will be observed in closing
 the Mails, &c.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.
 The United States Mail Packet *Amie*
 will be despatched on SATURDAY,
 the 11th Instant, with Mails for Japan,
 San Francisco, the United States,
 Canada, Honolulu, Peru, &c., which
 will be closed as follows:—
 0.15 p.m. Register closes.
 0.30 p.m. Post-Office closes, but Corre-
 spondence may be posted on board the
 Packet with Late Fee of 10 cents extra
 Postage until the time of departure.

HOUS OF CLOSING THE
ENGLISH AND FRENCH MAILS.
 When the Packets leave at Noon.
 The following hours will be observed in
 closing the Mails for Europe, &c., by the
 English and French Packets, when they
 leave at Noon. The Money Order Office
 will be closed at 5 the day before.
 8.00 a.m.—Posting of Pious Current and
 Circulars closes.
 (Pious Current and Circulars may
 however be posted up to 10 o'clock
 if they are tied in bundles, country
 by country, with the addresses all
 one way.)
 10.00 a.m.—Registry closes.
 10.30 a.m.—Posting of Newspapers,
 Books, and Patterns closes.
 11.00 a.m.—Mail closes.
LATE LETTERS may be posted (from
 11.10 a.m.) with 10 cents late fee up to
 11.30 a.m., after which hour they may
 be sent on Board with the same Late
 Fee.
 A Peak delivery has now been established.
 Letters will be delivered by the 12 and 4
 o'clock Trains only. Correspondence for
 the Peak may be posted in the General Post
 Office up to 11.30 a.m. or 3.30 p.m., or in
 the Letter Boxes in the Cars till time of
 departure.
 Correspondence from the Peak may be
 posted in the Letter Boxes up to 12 and 4
 o'clock. Parcels for the Peak may be post-
 ed in the General Post Office only up to
 11.30 a.m. or 3.30 p.m. Local Rate will
 be charged. No Sunday delivery. Senders
 are requested to Cancel their Stamps by
 writing the word Stamped across them.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.
 9 a.m.—Excursion trip by *Honam* to
 Maao.
 9 a.m.—*Namoa* leaves for Coast Ports.
RELIGIOUS SERVICES:
 St. John's CATHEDRAL.—Parade Service
 at 8.30 a.m. Matins at 11. Holy Com-
 munion at the 11 o'clock service on the
 1st, 3rd, and 5th (if any) Sundays in the
 month, Evening 6.45.
 St. Peter's Church.—Holy Communion on
 the 2nd Sunday in each month at 8 a.m.
 Union Church.—Minister Rev. G. H.
 Bondfield.—Services at 11 a.m. and 7.30
 p.m.
 GERMAN BETHESDA CHAPEL.—Service in
 the German language, by Rev. F. Hartmann,
 every Sunday, at half-past ten a.m., in the
 Chapel of the Berlin Foundling House,
 West Point.
 St. Joseph's Church, Garden Road.—
 9 a.m. Mass and Sermon. 6.30 p.m. Even-
 ing Service, Benediction.
 St. Peter's SEAMEN'S CHURCH, Sailors'
 Home.—Service on Sunday, at 11 a.m. and
 6 p.m. Thursday, at 8 p.m. The Holy
 Communion is administered on the Second
 Sunday in the month at 7.30 a.m.; on the
 First and Third Sundays, at noon; on the
 Fourth Sunday, at Evening Service.
 Services are conducted by the Rev. J. A.
 Turner, in the WESTERN Mission Rooms,
 127 Queen's Road East, on Sundays at 8.45
 a.m. and 6 p.m.

MEMOS. FOR MONDAY.
Shipping.
 Noon.—*Peking* leaves for Shanghai.
Pakhoi leaves for London.

Miscellaneous.
 Goods per *Tartar* undelivered after this
 date subject to risk.
General Memoranda.
 TUESDAY, May 9:—
 Goods per *Orangie* undelivered after this
 date subject to risk.
 Goods per *Taiwan* undelivered after
 this date subject to risk.
 Register of Shares of The Richmond
 Terrace Estate & Building Co., Ltd.,
 closed from this date to the 13th Inst.,
 inclusive.
 Register of Shares of A. S. Watson & Co.,
 Ltd., closed from this date to the 13th
 Inst., inclusive.
 9 p.m.—Concert at the Club Lusitano.
 MONDAY, May 13:—
 Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of The
 Richmond Terrace Estate and Building
 Co., Ltd., at its Office.
 12.31 p.m.—Meeting of Members of the
 Hongkong Club.
 3 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of A.
 S. Watson & Co., Ltd., at Hongkong
 Dispensary.

A. S. WATSON & CO.,
LIMITED.
Watson's
Patent Dedicating
or
Drying Bottles.
 S. W. & Co. beg to call special
 attention to their NEW PATENT
 DRYING BOTTLES which
 have been specially
 designed and
 manufactured
 for the use of these Bottles. CIGARS as
 well as ALL GOODS which are sus-
 ceptible to the destroying influences
 of moisture can be kept in good and
 perfect condition.
 Whenever wherever the atmosphere is
 saturated with moisture these Bot-
 tles will be found invaluable.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.
 4th publication. This issue commenced
 at 8.05 p.m.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, MAY 4, 1889.
 The acknowledgment made by the Gov-
 ernor at the last meeting of the Legislative
 Council of the valuable services rendered
 by the now disbanded Volunteer Fire Bri-
 gade will be heartily endorsed by the com-
 munity at large. What one wonders at is
 that the Hongkong Fire and China Fire
 should have gone on so long paying over
 \$7,000 a year for the maintenance of a Bri-
 gade whose services benefited opponents
 more than themselves,—opponents who
 strangely showed their appreciation of these
 gratis services by cutting down rates to—
 as His Excellency remarked—the point of
 unreasonableness. We should have liked to
 see the Volunteer Brigade maintained, as
 not only did it render excellent work, but
 it served as a stimulus to the Government
 Brigade. There was always a healthy
 rivalry between the two as to who would
 first have water playing on a fire, and the
 red-uniform men prey often got ahead of
 the Government men. The only equitable
 way, however, in which the Volunteer Bri-
 gade could have been maintained was by
 every company and agency interested pay-
 ing a proportionate sum for its maintenance.
 This was found impracticable, and there
 was no other course left but disbandment.
 His Excellency says that he is devising a
 measure by which the extra cost to the
 Government in consequence of the addition
 now required to its brigade will be refunded.
 We suppose he contemplates reviving the
 Bill introduced a year ago, which imposed a
 tax on policies of insurance. There is
 now no necessity for making this tax dif-
 ferential, and we suppose a uniform rate
 will be proposed. However, the measure
 will doubtless be shortly published, so we
 need not speculate on its terms.

The 'war of rates' has led to the
 disbandment of the Volunteer Brigade,
 and it has also led to another result,
 which may give more serious consideration
 from the Home companies that carried
 the war into Eastern ports. One's view
 of a case are somewhat changed when, from
 being the assailant, one becomes the as-
 sailed. The Home offices enjoyed the

sport of cutting into the throats of the
 local offices, until their disgruntled
 and angry they began to turn themselves
 pretty severely, but now they have changed
 their tune and are raising a howl of indig-
 nation, for the tables have been turned,
 and the China offices, not content with act-
 ing on the defensive, have carried the war
 into the enemy's camp, have begun to
 actively push their business in England at
 the expense of the Home offices. The
 China offices—wicked people—have ap-
 parently adopted the same weapons of
 warfare as the Home offices did here.
 They have shown contempt for the tariffs
 of the English companies and have not
 hesitated to make considerable reduc-
 tions. This naughty behaviour is roundly
 condemned in *The Review*, an English in-
 surance journal, and the condemnation is
 to like the judgment that has been passed
 on the Home offices here that wereproud
 a choice extract:—

This, however, is unfortunately by no
 means the worst. As if the recent
 accounts of the Home offices did not in-
 dicate enough of demoralisation, the ranks
 of the non-tariff have received an accession
 from distant shores, in the shape of the
 Hong-Kong Fire Insurance Company, Ltd.,
 would be able to disguise the fact that this
 office is one of considerable strength and
 influence; and, had its management decid-
 ed upon the wise and prudent course of
 associating itself with the tariff, there is no
 reason to doubt that it would have been
 welcomed by the offices as an important
 accession. But, on the contrary, having
 contributed largely, as it would seem, to
 the depreciation of rates in its own ter-
 ritory, (this is not true, the Hong-Kong
 immediately on the establishment

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